

LAND USE BULLETIN



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This bulletin provides an update on all pending land use actions ranging from opportunities for citizen involvement and appeal of proposed development projects, to the meeting calendar for land use and planning related activities.



APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS



★ **PLANNING COMMISSION** – meeting is scheduled for *Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.* Public hearing on a proposed zoning code amendment to establish zoning regulations for medical and recreational marijuana.

Implementation will be timed to coincide with action by the State of WA and uses will be limited to locations in the M-I

Industrial and B-P Business Park zoning districts. They shall not be located within 1000 feet of any elementary or secondary school, playground, recreation center or facility, child care center, public park, public transit center, library, arcade, single family residential zone or another medical or recreational marijuana use. The measurement shall be taken in a straight line from property boundary to property boundary.

★ **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** – canceled.

APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT 755-9717 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY PROJECT.

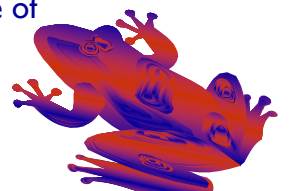
★ Burlington's Shoreline Master Program has **final approval** from the State Department of Ecology and will be on the July 25 City Council meeting for

GAGES SLOUGH AND SKAGIT RIVER CORRIDOR UPDATE

Burlington is very fortunate to be served by Dike District #12. Their highest priority is to complete the levee upgrade along the eastern, upriver edge from the beginning of the levee at Lafayette Road to the Railroad Bridge at Whitmarsh Road. This will help keep flood insurance rates lower in the years to come, as well as ensuring substantially better flood protection. The shoreline permit for work in the City Limits was issued in 2012 and the shoreline permit for work east of Gardner Road has been the topic of two public hearings at Skagit County and the permit is now in the hands of the County Hearing Examiner.

There continues to be great enthusiasm about getting trails and boardwalks along Gages Slough, making it easier to walk and bike around Burlington. With the help of the UW Green Futures Lab, fresh ideas to combine stormwater treatment with restoration and public access are in the works.

Burlington is focusing on improving quality of life and getting healthy in this great location! Stay prepared for emergencies, take steps to prevent polluting Gages Slough and the Skagit River with nontoxic car wash and careful use of fertilizers and herbicides. Have a great summer!



CODE CHANGES & NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ISSUES

Community Forum is
scheduled for
Wednesday July 10
from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
in the City Council
Chambers. Take this
opportunity to let
the **UW Green**
Futures Lab know if
they are taking your
ideas in the right
direction with a fresh
vision for the future.
The spotlight is on
Burlington.....

Spotlight on Burlington

COMMUNITY AT THE CROSSROADS

Burlington Community Forum

Burlington is very pleased to be working with the UW Green Futures Lab on finetuning the community vision for the long term future. Your help is needed in building on the ideas, values and vision that will be the focus for the next long range plan for the city. Working together step by step, the goal is to complete the details and make Burlington the beautiful, lasting place that is home to a lively and vigorous community for generations to come.

Historic Downtown is the heart of the city that is ready for improvement and redevelopment. It is a challenge to connect all parts of Burlington including opening up opportunities to enjoy Gages Slough, and making easy access from retail shopping to Downtown. Now is the time to design good looking new work force housing opportunities, plan to improve streets and trails with the goal to have great access to parks and riverfront for healthy fun, and enjoy this beautiful city.

BRING YOUR SUGGESTIONS & LOOK AT NEW IDEAS!



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MEETING CALENDAR FOR JULY

★ **CITY COUNCIL**— **Thursday,**
July 11 & July 25 at 7 pm

★ **PLANNING COMMISSION** —
Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 6 pm



Meetings are held in the
City Council Chambers at
833 S. Spruce Street

How to Get Involved

If you are interested in keeping up on events and issues in Burlington, please contact the Planning Department at 755-9717 or stop by the office at 833 S. Spruce Street. If you have neighbors who are interested in what is happening, we will be happy to put them on our mailing list!